# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have collected any statistic on the incidence of Rubella in the country;

(b) if so, the number of children who are annually affected by Rubella;

(c) whether children attacked by Rubella suffer severe malformation;

(d) whether the Government have formulated any plan to supply Rubella vaccine; and

(e) the quantum of Rubella vaccine is presently processed and supplied by the Government?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a)&(b) No, Sir.

( c) Rubella is a mild febrile viral disease with a diffuse punctate and maculopapular rash sometimes resembling that of measles or scarlet fever. Rubella is important because of its ability to produce anomalies in the developing foetus. Congenital Rubella syndromes occurs in upto 90% of infants born to women in acquired confirmed rubella during the first trimester of pregnancy.

(d)&(e) At present there is no proposal to include Rubella under the Universal Immunization Programme.